

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of effecting a telecommunication connection to a service in a telecommunication network comprising:

establishing a telecommunication connection from a user's phone terminal to a service in a telecommunications network with the use of an SS7 signalling channel and a voice channel, characterized in that the service can be accessed identically and simultaneously with the use of one of two complementary interfaces: a voice interface, using DTMF, and a text interface, using USSD commands, where the service is called by a connection, initialized by the user, to the service access number in the telecommunications network, which in the case of the voice interface is treated as phone number, while in the case of the text interface it is treated as USSD command, consisting of the same digit sequences and differing only in the characters "*" and "#", included therein, whereas these differences are interpreted by the phone set to select proper telecommunications channel: the SS7 signalling for the text interface or the voice channel through which the user's connection with the service will be effected, and the decision on how this connection is to be handled is made by the service, based on information related to the incoming connection, received either directly from the telecommunications network or indirectly from the telecommunications operator. an access number of a telecommunication service server in either a voice interface or a text interface,

wherein the access number comprises a beginning character of either “*” or “#”, followed by a sequence of digits, and an optional ending character of “#”,

wherein the presence of the optional ending character determines that the connection will be effected by means of the text interface using USSD commands and the lack of the optional ending character determines that the connection will be effected in the voice interface, and

wherein the access number is always the same number for the voice interface and the text interface.

Claim 2 (currently amended). A method according to claim 1 characterized in that wherein the access number contains further comprises additional parameters, separated with the characters of asterisk “*” or hash mark “#”, and these wherein the additional parameters are given inputted by the user either during the initiation of a telecommunication connection, or alternatively already during this connection, and the parameters given during the connection are preferably alphanumerical data.

Claim 3 (currently amended). A method according to claim 1, characterized in that where the text interface is an SMS message, and the numbering used to access the service is identical to the numbering used for the voice interface, realized within any other than the USSD commands.

Claim 4 (currently amended). A method according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the term telecommunication connection to a service means also in a telecommunication network comprises a connection to another user.

Claim 5 (currently amended). A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
~~wherein the term telecommunication connection means also comprises~~ a set or of a sequence of
voice or text messages exchanged between the user and the service, without the need to establish
a session or a physical connection.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (new). A method according to claim 1 wherein the text interface is realized within
any text interface other than the USSD commands.

Claim 8 (new). A method according to claim 7 wherein the text interface is realized within
a short text message interface of an SMS service.

Claim 9 (new) A method according to claim 1 wherein the text interface is realized within
any text channel other than the USSD commands.

Claim 10 (new) A method according to claim 9 wherein the text interface is realized within
a short text message channel of an SMS service.